

## House Resolution No. 3052

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

**Whereas**, fifty years ago George Ridens took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Joyce Douglas, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which was performed on June 27, 1955, in Bakersfield, California; and

**Whereas**, five decades later George and Joyce Ridens of Macomb will observe their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends at the VFW Hall in Mountain Grove on July 2, 2005; and

**Whereas**, the marital union of George and Joyce Ridens has been richly blessed with the love and affection of their children, George Ridens, Gary Ridens, Elaine Ridens Dugger, and Elynn Copeland; grandchildren, Russ Dugger, Brent Dugger, Chris Ridens, Jera Ridens, Doug Copeland, and Duane Copeland; and great-grandchildren, Caden Ridens and Russel Dugger; and

**Whereas**, a retired dairy farmer, trucker, and heavy equipment operator, George Ridens is a member of the Norwood Masonic Lodge, Abou Ben Adhem Shrine, and TR-3 Shriners Club; and

**Whereas**, George and Joyce Ridens will use the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as George and Joyce Ridens during momentous times in their lives:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by George and Joyce Ridens and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of George and Joyce Ridens of Macomb, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Van Kelly  
District No. 144

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3052, adopted May 9, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker